

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 21-36 and 44-47 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 21 is amended and claims 17-20 are canceled. Claim 21 is amended to incorporate the features of previous claim 17. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

This Amendment should be entered after Final Rejection because it places this application in condition for allowance by rewriting the objected-to claim in independent form and canceling the rejected claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-16, 22-36 and 44-47, and the identification of allowable subject matter in claim 21. As noted above, claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form, and thus also is allowable.

The rejection of claims 17-20 is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time
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